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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: H.R. 2300

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On Friday 25 October 1984 I met with Robert Magee to formulate a response to an expedited request by OMB for an informal Agency position on H.R. 2300, which was to be presented for the President's signature within a very short time. H.R. 2300, the "Civil Services Retirement Spouses Equity Act of 1984," provides survivor benefits and extends medical insurance eligibility to qualifying former spouses of Civil Service employees and retirees. H.R. 2300 also provides limited "retroactive" survivor annuities to persons divorced between 1978 and 1985. After discussing the fact that the President had indicated he would sign H.R. 2300, the Director of Personnel agreed that we should respond "no objection" while clearly indicating to OMB that we will seek retroactivity for CIARDS former spouses that exceeds the limited retroactivity contained in H.R. 2300. At approximately, 4:30 on 25 October 1984, I called Hilda Schrieber, OMB, and gave her an informal Agency position of "no objection" with the reservation outlined above concerning retroactivity for CIARDS former spouses.

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